
**Annual Report of the
Medical Officer of Health
to the
Bonsall
Urban District Council.**

Derby





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WIRKSWORTH,

DERBYSHIRE.

April 4th, 1921.

*To the Chairman and Councillors of the
Bonsall Urban District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1920.

Vital Statistics.

Deaths.

During the year there were registered 9 deaths, 5 males and 4 females, which, estimating the population according to advice from the Registrar General at 1,111 gives a Death Rate of 8·10 per 1,000 of the living population.

Two of the deaths were of persons who died outside the district. No death was uncertified. There was no infant death and no death under 20 years of age.

The average age at death of both sexes combined is 65·7, a remarkably high average.

Both the number of deaths and the death rate are about the lowest on record for your district and your death rate is nearly the lowest in the County.

Births.

Turning now to the births, the number registered was 19, 8 males and 11 females, which estimating the population according to advice from the Registrar General at 1,111 gives a birth rate of 17·10 per 1,000 of the living population.

This is a falling off in the birth rate compared with last year when it was 24·26.

There was one illegitimate birth, a female, curiously enough the same as last year.

Prevalence and Control of Acute Infectious Disease.

There was only one case of zymotic disease notified throughout the year, a case of Scarlet Fever in April in an adult which was removed to the Isolation Hospital. The disease was contracted outside the district. The house was thoroughly disinfected and the disease spread no further.

This compares favourably with last year when there were 3 cases of zymotic or catching disease reported.

Prevalence and Control of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

There were 3 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis reported during the year.

One of these was a relapse in a young girl of 17 years, who was admitted to the Sanatorium. The other 2 cases were treated at home and under the care of the County Tuberculosis Officer.

Causes of Death.

The following are the causes of death :—there was 1 from Cancer, 3 from Heart Disease, 1 from Bright's Disease and 4 from other defined diseases.

The foregoing call for no special comment.

No death was due to violence or suicide and no death was uncertified.

Factories.

There is only one factory in the District, Cotton Combing (Hollins') which was duly inspected and found to be in every way satisfactory.

There is also the Via Gellia Colour Works, for the manufacture of dry paints wherein no lead is contained and only males are employed.

These works are under the Factory Act.

Sanitary Administration of the District.

The Inspector of Nuisances has carried out his duties throughout the year in a satisfactory manner, and all sanitary defects remedied were of a minor character.

No case of overcrowding was brought to my notice.

Scavenging is carried out by the Council's refuse carts fortnightly and all drains and public grates are disinfected from time to time.

No new houses were erected.

There are 37 cowhouses in the District with approximately 250 cows. None were condemned for Tuberculosis. The cow-houses were regularly inspected and whitewashed.

The water supply is good and sufficient for domestic purposes.

Continuing our policy, 5 privies were converted into pail closets.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, your District is to be regarded as being in a most healthy condition as testified by your low Death Rate, no infant death and a remarkably high average age at death.

Your schools were duly inspected by me as School Medical Officer and I am pleased to say that the physical condition and healthiness of the children were quite satisfactory as also the sanitary arrangements of both schools.

I have the honour to remain,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

ARTHUR GEORGE HARVEY,

Medical Officer of Health.

